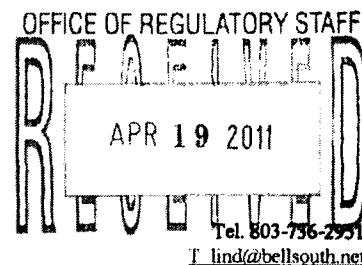


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April 17, 2011

SC public Utilities Commission
Office of Regulatory Staff
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Gentlemen,

I , together with all of my neighbors, strongly object to Palmetto Utilities proposed 30+% rate increase.

- The proposed increase far exceeds inflation.
- The current owner purchased the business within the past two years at which time the assets were fairly valued and should not have required major new revenue to maintain viability.
- New home building has been moribund for several years and is projected to remain so, suggesting little need for expansion of facilities.
- It makes no sense, that potable water purchased for \$ 6 to \$12 per month should cost \$29.50, (or the proposed \$38.50), per month to dispose of.
- These folks already have a rich cash generating machine and certainly , no justification for making it richer at the publics expense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Lind".